

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to overcome the objection thereto and to correct several errors in reference to prior claims. Claims 42 to 53 remain active in this application.

Claims 42 to 53 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sato (U.S. 6,388,857). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Attached hereto is a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.131 of the undersigned stating, on information and belief, that the subject application was conceived prior to the filing date of Sato with continuous work up to the first implementation of the invention. Accordingly, Sato is not available as a reference in this application.

In view of the above remarks, favorable reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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